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Dunkirk; and the Homestead and McKeesport iron mills and furnaces.

A RECENT paper by A. W. Rogers, director of the Geological Survey of Cape Colony, South Africa, on the 'Campbell Rand and Griquatown series in Hay' (Trans. Geol. Soc. S. Africa, IX., 1906, pp. 1-9) gives among other things an account of a newly discovered series of glacial beds in the Griquatown series. The boulders included have beautifully striated surfaces, and the deposit itself is characterized as a very well developed glacial till, often thoroughly indurated, so that the boulders can not be broken from it. This deposit is of more ancient date than the Permian Dwyka formation, and is probably of early Paleozoic time; thus adding another curious problem to South African geology.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

IT is proposed, in connection with the opening next September of the new laboratories of the Harvard Medical School in Boston, to inaugurate a new system of advanced instruction in the medical sciences, designed especially to meet the needs of those desiring to pursue any of these branches as a profession. The system includes the organization of a new department of comparative anatomy, which has been placed in charge of Dr. Charles S. Minot, whose appointment was recently announced in this journal. The instruction in this department will be confined for the present at least to electives for fourth-year medical students and for graduates. The position of instructor in comparative anatomy has been established with a salary of probably \$1,200. Candidates for this appointment should apply to Dr. Charles S. Minot, Harvard Medical School. The instructor will have charge of animal dissection, and will be expected to carry on original research subject to the approval of the head of the laboratory. The field of research will not be prescribed. The investigations already planned are in the domain of the comparative morphology of vertebrates. The laboratory is large and will be well equipped and furnished with a good working library.

There will be special facilities for work in comparative embryology.

THE board of trustees of the Connecticut Agricultural College has authorized the executive committee of the board to receive and accept the Edwin Gilbert bequest consisting of a farm of 350 acres at Georgetown, Conn., together with a fund of \$60,000 for the maintenance of the farm. The tract of land is to be used for experimental purposes in connection with the work of the agricultural college, but it is not intended in any sense to establish a branch of the college at Georgetown.

MR. LE ROY ABRAMS, assistant curator of the division of plants, U. S. National Museum, has been appointed assistant professor of systematic botany at Stanford University. Dr. E. C. Franklin, associate professor, has been promoted to a full professorship of organic chemistry and Dr. H. S. Blichfeldt has been promoted to an associate professorship of mathematics.

DAVID SAMUEL SNEDDEN, associate professor of education in Leland Stanford Junior University, has been appointed adjunct professor of educational administration in Teachers College, Columbia University; Dr. Kate Gordon, associate professor of psychology in Mt. Holyoke College, has been appointed instructor in educational psychology, and Miss Jean Broadhurst, of the Trenton (N. J.) Normal School, instructor in nature study.

THE board of regents of the University of Nebraska has made the following promotions: G. R. Chatburn, professor of applied mechanics; E. L. Hinman, professor of philosophy; Benton Dales, associate professor of chemistry; J. H. Gain, associate professor of animal husbandry; R. A. Lyman, assistant professor of pharmaco-dynamics; L. W. Chase, assistant professor of farm mechanics; F. D. Barker, adjunct professor of zoology; G. A. Loveland, assistant professor of meteorology. Professor H. R. Smith has been appointed head of the department of animal husbandry; Professor T. L. Lyon has been made professor of agronomy in the Agricultural Experiment Station, and F. D. Heald, professor of agricultural botany.